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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.

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ITEM NO: 1

DATE: 22 MAY 1974

SUBJECT: TENSION ALONG ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI BORDER

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A COMPANY-SIZED SOMALI MILITARY FORCE ENTERED ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY LAST WEEK AND HAD A BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH A TENNECO SURVEY TEAM, COMPRISED OF ETHIOPIAN NATIONALS WHICH WAS IN THE AREA FOR OIL EXPLORATION. AS OF YESTERDAY, THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT WAS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE THE SOMALIS' WITHDRAWAL THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, BUT HAD ALSO INSTRUCTED THE 3RD DIVISION, WHICH PATROLS THE AREA,

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THE US EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO TENNECO SOURCES, THE SOMALIS CONFRONTED THE SURVEY TEAM WELL WITHIN ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY BUT TOLD IT TO WITHDRAW BECAUSE IT WAS IN SOMALI TERRITORY.

ADDIS ABABA IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF THE SOMALI ACTION THROUGH THE SOMALI AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS PROMISED AN ANSWER BY TOMORROW.

4 THE SOMALIS PROBABLY INITIATED THESE INCIDENTS AS A MEANS OF
3 PROBING ETHIOPIA'S REACTION DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD OF INTERNAL
2 TURMOIL. MOGADISCIO PROBABLY ALSO WANTS TO HEAT UP THE DISPUTED
1 TERRITORY ISSUE IN ORDER TO ENSURE ITS CONSIDERATION AT THE OAU

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MINISTERIAL AND HEADS OF STATE MEETINGS IN JUNE. NEITHER GOVERN-
MENT APPEARS TO WANT A MAJOR CONFLICT NOW, BUT LOCAL COMMANDERS
ARE LESS RESTRAINED, AND THERE COULD BE ARMED CLASHES IF THE
CURRENT DISPUTE IS NOT RESOLVED SOON. E-2 IMPDET.H

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